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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
OF VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC980016

To implement extended local
service from its Charlottesville
exchange to the Greenwood exchange

FINAL ORDER

On February 27, 1998, the Central Telephone Company of Virginia ("Centel" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 56-484.2. Centel proposed to notify its Charlottesville exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Greenwood exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia's ("Bell Atlantic") Greenwood exchange petitioned the Commission for local calling to Charlottesville. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of the Greenwood customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to Charlottesville. A poll of Charlottesville subscribers was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By order dated March 18, 1998, the Commission directed Centel to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until May 18, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were received. On April 19, 1998, Centel filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's May 18, 1998 order.

On May 20, 1998, the Commission's Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that Centel's application to implement extended local service from its Charlottesville exchange to BA-VA's Greenwood exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from Centel's Charlottesville exchange to BA-VA's Greenwood exchange shall be implemented.

(2) The Company shall implement the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.